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Claims that have been cancelled and those not entered are indicated with status only. The status of each claim is indicated as (Original), (Currently Amended), (Cancelled), (Withdrawn), (New), (Previously Presented) or (Not Entered).

Claim 21 has been amended to distinguish over all of the art of record. None of the references shows a plurality of second triangular prisms formed on the second main surface and aligned in a row to a second direction, each having an obtuse protrusion and a second vertex angle different from the first vertex angle, wherein the first vertex angle ranges from about 100° to about 120°, and the second vertex angle ranges from about 120° to about 140°.

The limitations set forth in claim 21 have their basis in the specification, inter alia at paragraph [0028]:

[0028] The concavo-convex pattern 154 having a plurality of concavo-convex portions 158 protruded from the first prisms 156 in a predetermined height is formed on the exist surface
20 150. The concavo-convex portions 158 having a uniform pattern are extended in the first direction D1, and formed over the first prisms 156. The concavo-convex portions 158 diffuse the light coming from the first prisms 156.

The foregoing limitations are now recited in currently amended claim 21.

While the Examiner had rejected claim 21 under Section 102 as being fully met by Kohara patent 6633722, that patent fails to teach the limitations now set forth in claim 21. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 21 as currently amended is traversed.

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The Examiner had rejected claims 22-27 under Section 103 as being unpatentable over Kohara alone (citing In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233 for the proposition that discovering an optimum or workable range may involve only routine skill) and had rejected claims 29-30 and 32 under Section 103 on the basis of the Kohara and Large references. However, as currently amended, claims 22-30 and 32 are variously dependent on claim 21 and should therefore be allowable over the Kohara reference and the Lodge reference since these references fail to have any teaching relative to a triangular prism having an obtuse protuberance, as taught by applicant.

Claim 31 has been cancelled to facilitate prosecution in the light of the protection afforded by the remaining claims.

Claims 33-37 are withdrawn.


Claims 38 and 41 have been amended to include limitations similar to those now included in claim 21 and should be allowable on the same basis.

Claims 42 and 43 have been added further to protect the invention and distinguish over all the art of record, inter alia, in that none teach a light guide having at least one of the triangular prisms with a curved vertex ridge of varying height.


CONCLUSION

In the light of the forgoing discussion, the rejection of claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 38 and 41 should be withdrawn and the application passed to issue together with newly-added claims 42 and 43.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the matter, please contact the undersigned at (408) 392-4250.

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